

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: May 6, 2015

Subject: Correspondence

Action ☒

Discussion ☐

Information ☐

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Heather Branigin

From: Maggie Harris <maggieharris2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Kevin Staunton; Mary Brindle; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Capital Campaign

Dear Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members;

I have lived nearly my entire life in Edina, as child and now as a mother who raised two daughters in Edina. Our girls benefited so much from the assets and services available and we are all so happy to call this amazing community home. I was so proud and grateful to watch the Edina city council vote unanimously for the approval of the 66 West project to shelter homeless youth. Our city is so richly blessed and has so much to offer, it is actions like these that demonstrate our empathy and our progressive spirit. These characteristics of caring for others and being progressive are very important to millennials, the next generation that will want to live here. This type of initiative keeps Edina fresh!

As I understand it, there will be a vote on May 5 that will hopefully result in a capital contribution to 66 West from the city of Edina. I am writing to let you know how much we would value your decision to vote YES to help 66 West with their capital funding campaign. My husband and I will be out of town that day, but have already submitted our ballots to vote in favor of the multimillion dollar school referendum. It would be a shame to vote yes to take care of ourselves and not to vote to help those less fortunate. We have a great opportunity to demonstrate what a caring community Edina is. Please vote YES !!

Sincerely,
Maggie Harris

Heather Branigin

From: Cathleen Godsall <cgod्सall@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 10:12 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support Capital Contribution to 66 West

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, and Swenson:

In September 2014 the City Council voted final approval of the zoning and land use for the development of 66 West Apartments, an affordable housing project for young homeless adults developed by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. It was an honor to participate in and witness the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings on the 66 West project.

It is my understanding that on May 5, 2015 the City Council will consider making a \$500,000 contribution to the 66 West Apartment project, from funds designated for creation of affordable housing, which need to be used by 2017. Having the City of Edina's fiscal support would significantly strengthen Beacon's application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional funds needed for 66 West.

Over a year ago I began to believe that the people of Edina could make 66 West happen and I pledged to see this through until those 39 apartments were available. As a longtime Edina resident and member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 50th and Wooddale, I am encouraged knowing there is tremendous support for 66 West in our community. I will be there on May 5 as you deliberate on how to wisely allocate the affordable housing funds, and ask that 66 West be given your positive vote!

Sincerely,

Cathleen R. Godsall, LSW

5601 Johnson Drive

Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: Todd Porthan
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 7:11 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Edina Senior Fair

Mayor-

We look forward to having you open our Senior Fair tomorrow morning. The event will kick off at 9am but feel free to come before or stay after for breakfast and coffee.

Todd Porthan

Heather Branigin

From: Coleton Whitaker <coleton@americansforresponsiblesolutions.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 3:59 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Call re domestic violence work

Hi Mayor Hovland,

My name is Coleton Whitaker and I work at Americans for Responsible Solutions, the gun violence prevention organization founded by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. One of the priority areas we are working on at the federal level is legislation that addresses the connection between domestic abuse and firearms and we are currently working to reach out to Congressman Erik Paulsen on a specific bill.

I wanted to see if you or the appropriate individual of your office might be free for a phone call in the near future to learn more about our group and the legislation. While we are working very closely with domestic violence groups at the national level, we are also hoping to engage local individuals in this effort.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Best wishes,
Coleton

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Heather Branigin

From: MaryPatLitwin@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 5:59 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Grandview Property

Dear Edina City Council:

Please do keep considering a public-only option for the Grandview site. Having a new Community Center there would be very beneficial to the residents of Edina! It certainly seems that the majority of Edina residents wish to have this site kept as a public space, so please do not use it for private development. I also wish to keep it as a public space.

Thank you.

Mary Pat Litwin
5808 Bernard Place
Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: Merlin1954@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 10:00 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: My experience with the Apr 22 Open House on Grandview

To Council Members:

I attended this open house and found it to be a CLOSED house to residents, run by mystery men who failed to identify their connection with this project.

This is the first city presentation on Grandview that I have attended, and I found that whoever was running it showed contempt and rudeness to me and my fellow voters...er...residents.

At 5:30, the start time, an unidentified man addressed the seated assembly. He did not identify himself or his role in the proceedings. He said there was no structure for the meeting, and he would wait 10 minutes to start until the room had "critical mass," and then he would take questions from us.

At 5:50, 20 minutes later, he came back and addressed us again. He said that we should all roam around the room and look at the posters. He also said that, after a quick summary by another man who also was not identified or introduced, questions from us would be answered.

After the summary, the man asked for questions from voters....er...residents. After a very few pointed questions about density, who would own what, and traffic concerns (for which he had no answers), the man abruptly announced that question time was over and we should go look at the posters until a second, unidentified group of residents arrived. He ignored the confused expressions and questions from the residents. Another mystery man in the back started applauding, as if to signal that our participation was ended.

And just like that, the community was dismissed. I still don't know who these people were. I looked around for Rod Serling to tell us we were in an episode of the Twilight Zone, but he wasn't there. I don't blame him.

This contempt for community input shows how bogus this process is. The whole legitimacy of the Grandview issue is called into question and should be ended, to resume in future with some genuine democratic principles. When those in charge only offer "input" on options chosen by themselves, we're not dealing with democracy. We're dealing with something Stalin-esque, a discredited government model that is very disturbing to find here.

I'm thinking that we need a city council who practices democracy, which I assume Edina wants. This lack of transparency and prohibition of open discussion of issues is not, in my opinion, good enough for communities in the United States of America.

The contempt and rudeness shown to residents, who pay YOUR bills, is inexcusable. No one's buying this farce. End this process, correct the dictator tactics, and try again. Next time, include the community for real and respect us as the reasonable adults we are.

Donna Callender
Countryside

April 21, 2015



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The Honorable James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.,
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland:

We are writing to cordially invite you to serve as an official member of the Honorary Host Committee for the **2015 Sister Cities International Annual Conference** to be held in **Minneapolis, MN from July 16 – 18, 2015.**

Founded in 1956, Sister Cities International represents over 545 cities in the United States that enjoy 2,100 sister city/county relationships in 145 countries on 6 continents. These alliances have fostered numerous economic development, educational and environmental programs, arts and cultural activities as well as youth and sports exchanges over the years, in a spirit of international cooperation.

This year, Sister Cities International celebrates its 59th National Conference focusing on the theme, "Bridging Generation for Peace." We expect to bring together approximately 600 elected and community leaders and over 125 high school students from more than 30 countries. Attendees will include national leaders, international diplomats, mayors, local elected officials, city managers, business executives and educators, as well as community leaders.

As a member of the Honorary Host Committee, you will join other dignitaries in championing the citizen diplomat's role in promoting world peace. You will be formally recognized in all conference marketing, public announcements and program material. *(Deadline for inclusion in our printed program guide is Monday, June 22, 2015)* **Although participation is not required to be a member of the Honorary Host Committee, we do hope you will join us in July!**

For more information about Sister Cities International, the 2015 Annual Conference, the role of the Honorary Host Committee, or to confirm your interest in joining the Honorary Host Committee, please contact Meghan Schmidt at mschmidt@sistercities.org or 202-347-8632.

Your consideration of this invitation to serve in promoting world peace is much appreciated.

Best Wishes,

Mary D. Kane
President and CEO
Sister Cities International



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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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Ambassador

No: 19.81.0011.200.04.001.14

April 2, 2015

Honorable Mayor,

It has been recently noted that initiatives are being taken to name streets, roads and important parts of cities and towns in the USA after Major General Ziaur Rahman who in 1977 had first unlawfully seized power in Bangladesh. The naming of the street in the land of justice and freedom-the United States-to commemorate and honor a ruthless military dictator is indeed shocking. It is against democracy and liberalism that both our two countries uphold so very dearly. Such honor, if shown to Ziaur Rahman, could be possibly because of inadequate and imprecise information about him. Therefore, the reason for this letter is to bring to your kind attention the dark notoriety of Ziaur Rahman.

Ziaur Rahman toppled a democratic government that accompanied the gruesome murder of the founding father of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and 18 members of his immediate family, including his 10 year old son, while they slept at home. A couple of months later in a military insurrection, Ziaur Rahman who was the Chief of Army Staff, usurped the powers of the state. He ruled the country for 7 years when the Constitution and human rights was suspended. In fact, after the tragic assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the politics of killing, coup, conspiracy and the grabbing of power illegally began in the country. Ziaur Rahman masterminded such kind of politics.

During Ziaur Rahman's misrule there were 19 coup attempts against him. All were crushed with hundreds of armed services personnel mercilessly killed. In one incident following the coup in October 1977, about 2,500 armed forces and civilians was executed. Thus, in a recent judgment, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court-the highest judicial body of the country decided that Ziaur Rahman's takeover was unconstitutional and unlawful, being in violation of the basic norms of democracy. It also decided that the constitutional amendments by a military decree to remain in power were illegitimate.

Ziaur Rahman also encouraged insurgence of communalism that led to the surge of extremism. He brought the religious extremists to strengthen his own strong hold and to perpetuate his regime by using the military intelligence, and other state apparatus. He sowed the seeds of militancy for which Bangladesh had to pay dearly in later years. Various Islamic militant groups sprung up and established direct connection with the Al Qaida and other terrorist groups. Now Sheikh Hasina's government has declared eliminating militancy from the country as its number one priority. The government of Sheikh Hasina and the United States are today fighting together militancy and terrorism in Bangladesh.

Therefore, the Bangladesh government is concerned when honor is shown to Ziaur Rahman as it amounts to endorsing extremism and terrorism, which are at present creating havoc all across the world and stands against a priority policy of the United States of America. I would, therefore, request that such unwarranted and unfair acts that honor persons responsible for brutality against their own people and for promoting extremism and terrorism be avoided, along with plans to commemorate such cruel dictators as Ziaur Rahman in your great country.

Best Regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Ambassador M. Ziauddin)

The Honorable James Hovland
Mayor of City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.,
Edina, MN 55424



April 20, 2014

Mayor James Hovland
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys is proud to honor 69 girls with the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn. Among them, Linnea Palmstrom Porter will be recognized during a Girl Scout ceremony on June 7th or June 14th. Please consider sending a certificate of recognition or a special congratulatory note to recognize this exceptional achievement.

To receive the Girl Scout Gold Award, girls spend at least 80 hours planning and implementing projects that innovatively address a need in the community. The 69 girls we are honoring are from the Twin Cities metro area, southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin, and they collectively contributed more than 7,000 hours to improve the world around them.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is known as "what you really want to be remembered for" in Girl Scouting. Each girl develops a project to match her area of interest and address a specific need in her local or global community. To earn the award, eligible Girl Scouts in grades 10–12 must fulfill leadership, career exploration and community service requirements. They must also put their plans into action. If you would like a detailed description of the girl's project, please email Suzannah Stulberg at Suzannah.stulberg@girlscoutsv.org

The leadership and organizational skills, and the sense of community pride and commitment that girls gain when they "go for the Gold" set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship. These Girl Scout Gold Award recipients today will be the women leaders of tomorrow.

If you would like to send certificate of recognition or a special congratulatory note, please send it in care of: Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, Attn.: Suzannah Stulberg, 400 Robert St South St. Paul, MN 55107 . *(It is our Council policy that we not give out names and addresses of the recipients.)* It would be helpful to have your letter of congratulations or certificate of recognition by Friday May 15th 2015. It will be placed in a packet that is presented to them at the ceremony of their choice.

On behalf of our Girl Scout Gold Award recipients and the 45,000 Girl Scout members and 18,000 adult members, we thank you for your continued support of Girl Scouts. If you have any questions, please contact Suzannah Stulberg at Suzannah.stulberg@girlscoutsv.org or call 800-845-0787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzannah Stulberg".

Suzannah Stulberg
Troop Support Specialist
Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys

Heather Branigin

From: Timothy Kuck <twkuck@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Grandview Development

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for private development of the Grandview site. There is no compelling public need or use that justifies the City retaining ownership of this particular piece of property. This is especially the case given the purchase of a more significant replacement public works site. The people supporting public use of this property seem committed to unnecessary expansion of government services for their special interests, which will only put more financial constraints and obligations on the City and its taxpayers. My personal opinion is that the site should be used for construction of more multi-unit housing for younger and older people who want to come to or stay in Edina.

Regards,

Timothy W. Kuck
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Heather Branigin

From: Anne Wagner <annew17107@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2015 7:15 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Climate Change in Edina

To the Honorable James Hovland,

I am Anne Wagner, a tenth grade student at Edina High School. This school year I am working on a project about Climate Change, and making others more aware about the effects of Climate Change; primarily caused by carbon emissions into the Earth's atmosphere. I am writing to you about this issue because it can lead to an unhealthy Earth, and I think that there are some changes that can be made in Edina to help solve this problem of Climate Change.

An article on the City of Edina website regarding steps for Edina to "Go Green" and written by Ross Bintner describes action taken by Edina engineers to create a car that is "greener", but it does not describe the pollution of the air and how they are planning to keep the air clean. "Owing to our regional weather patterns, air quality in Minnesota has historically been good. Increasingly, pollutants such as fine particles and ozone cause the Air Quality Index to suffer." (Ross Bintner, City of Edina Website). I think that while people of Edina may realize the air quality issue, nothing is being done to solve it.

Specific action I would want taken is for the Edina Government to consider making a law about pollution from factories (such as paper mills) and cars to be reduced and consider cleaner ways for our state to function. Thank you so much for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,
Anne Wagner

Heather Branigin

From: theberingers@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2015 1:43 PM
Subject: Re: Revised-- 66 West Apt- Edina City Council Letters writing request

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, and Swenson:

On May 6, 2015 the City Council will consider making a \$500,000 contribution to the 66 West Apartment project, from funds designated for creation of affordable housing, which need to be used by 2017. The City of Edina's fiscal support would significantly strengthen Beacon's application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional funds needed for 66 West.

I am a longtime Edina resident and member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 50th and Wooddale, and I know that there is tremendous support for 66 West in our community.

I was so pleased when the City Council approved the land use and zoning for 66th West, because there is a dire need for affordable housing in our community and the population of youth with unstable housing continues to grow. I hope this project continues to have your support on May 6th and that you vote yes to approve the \$500,000 in funds for 66th West.

Catherine Beringer

Heather Branigin

From: Leslie Stiles - Oasis for Youth <paperlesspost@paperlesspost.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 8:31 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Meet the new Oasis Executive Director!

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Jim Hovland

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Heather Branigin

From: Brandon Schenck <brandons17563@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: kari.discher@edinaschools.org
Subject: Edina City Council

Hello Mr. Mayor,

My Passion Project subject is, "Why we need more engineering in schools." We have met before at the 10,000 lakes regional for robotics, I would really appreciate it if you would come and hear my presentation on May 28.

Thank you,

Brandon Schenck
Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Jennifer Janovy <jjanovy@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Mary Brindle (Comcast); Kevin Staunton; Bob Stewart; James Hovland; ann swenson swenson
Cc: Edina Mail
Subject: Grandview -- please include with council correspondence
Attachments: Comparison Redevelopment Concepts for Former Public Works Site to Grandview Square.pdf; Comparison of Interior Sq. Ft.pdf; Grandview redevelopment concepts 2008 to April 22, 2015.pdf

Dear Members of the Edina City Council:

I attended the Grandview open house on Wednesday and reviewed the proposed redevelopment scenarios for the former public works site. The attached tables:

- 1) Compare redevelopment proposals for the site over time, from the original 2008 Opus proposal, to the Framework, CBG Community Center proposal, and the April 22 scenarios. As a rule, the scenarios have become taller and denser over time. The least dense scenario is the CBG Community Center proposal.
- 2) Estimates interior square footage devoted to public and private uses in the Framework, CBG Community Center proposal, and April 22 scenarios. The April 22 scenarios include an estimated 9-22% public/civic space (78-91% private).
- 3) Compare existing development at Grandview Square (Library/Senior Center, condos, offices, and park) to the April 22 scenarios. The Grandview Square area is about 4x larger than the former public works site. The April 22 scenarios propose nearly as much to more development on a site that is about 1/4 the size.

Any errors in the tables are unintentional--if you notice errors, please let me know. Please also let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your thoughtful consideration,

Jennifer Janovy

Comparison Redevelopment Concepts for Former Public Works Site to Grandview Square

	Grandview Square ¹	Scenario 1 ²	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Site Size³	Approximately 12.03 acres	Approximately 3.3 acres	Approximately 3.3 acres	Approximately 3.3 acres
Residential	171 units ⁴	140-150 units	230-250 units OR 140-150 units plus 150 unit hotel	170 units OR 150 unit hotel
Estimated Residential Sq. Ft.⁵	256,500 sq. ft.	210,000-225,000 sq. ft.	345,000-375,000 sq. ft.	255,000 sq. ft.
Indoor "Civic"	36,000 sq. ft. ⁶	24,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.
Outdoor "Civic"	26,493 sq. ft. ⁷	80,000 sq. ft. (including new shared street)	60,000 sq. ft. (including new shared street)	75,000 sq. ft. (including new shared street)
Parking	618 ⁸	654	748	643
Retail/Restaurant	N/A	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.
Office	96,000 sq. ft. ⁹	40,000 sq. ft.	N/A	N/A
Max. Height	4 stories	10-12 stories	10-12 stories	5 stories
Total Indoor Space (not including residential common areas, mechanicals, parking, etc.)	388,500 sq. ft.	279,000-297,000 sq. ft.	400,000-443,000 sq. ft.	310,000-323,000 sq. ft.

Grandview Square is approximately 4x larger than the former public works site, yet:

- Scenario 1 has only 21-31 fewer residential units than Grandview Square; Scenario 2 has up to 79 more residential units than Grandview Square; and Scenario 3 has approximately the same number of units (or a hotel)
- Scenarios 2 and 3 have up to 24,000 additional sq. ft. of indoor "civic" space and up to 53,507 sq. ft. additional outdoor "civic" space (including the proposed shared street)
- Scenarios 1 and 2 would be up to eight stories taller than Grandview Square buildings
- Redevelopment scenarios for the former public works site include up to 130 additional parking spaces (based on estimated number of spaces at Grandview Square)

The former public works site redevelopment scenarios propose nearly as much to more development on a site that is about ¼ the size of Grandview Square.

¹ Condos, office building, Library/Senior Center, park

² All scenarios as shown at April 22, 2015 Open House

³ Hennepin County Property Information search, accessed 4/23/15

⁴ Winter 2001 AboutTown

⁵ 1,500 sq. ft. per unit, for calculation purposes (hotel units not included in calculations)

⁶ Edina Library and Senior Center, Winter 2001 AboutTown

⁷ Grandview Square Park, Hennepin County Property Information search, accessed 4/23/15

⁸ Library and Senior Center (91 estimated), Condos (2 per unit, 342 estimated), Office (185 per LoopNet property listing accessed 4/23/15)

⁹ Grandview Square Fact Sheet, Opus website, accessed 4/23/15

Comparison of Interior Sq. Ft. Community Center Proposal, Framework and Current Development Scenarios

	Grandview Redevelopment Framework p. 19 (2012)	Citizens For A Better Grandview Community Center Proposal (2014)	April 22 2015 Scenario 1	April 22 2015 Scenario 2	April 22 2015 Scenario 3
Interior "Civic"	50,000 sq. ft.	105,000 sq. ft.	24,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.
Office	N/A	N/A	40,000 sq. f.	N/A	N/A
Residential	82 units (123,000 sq. ft.) ¹	0 units	140-150 units (210,000-225,000 sq. ft.)	230-250 units OR 140-150 units PLUS 150 unit hotel (345,000-375,000 sq. ft.)	170 units OR 150 unit hotel (310,000-323,000 sq. ft.)
Restaurant/Retail	N/A	If compatible (up to 8,000 sq. ft.) ²	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.
Total Estimated Interior Square Feet	173,000 sq. ft.	113,000 sq. ft.	279,000-297,000 sq. ft.	400,000-443,000 sq. ft.	310,000-323,000 sq. ft.
Total Civic or Public	50,000 sq. ft.	113,000 sq. ft. ³	24,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.
Total Private	123,000 sq. ft.	0 sq. ft.	255,000-273,000 sq. ft.	340,000-393,000 sq. ft.	250,000-273,000 sq. ft.
Percent Civic/Public	40% civic/public	100% civic/public	9% civic/public	15% civic/public	20-22% civic/public
Parking	558	350-500	654 spaces	748 spaces	643 spaces

¹ For purposes of calculating housing sq. ft., all housing units are estimated to be 1,500 sq. ft. This estimate does not include common areas, storage, or mechanicals. Square footage of hotel room scenarios not calculated.

² Assumed, for calculation purposes.

³ Assumes restaurant/retail space would be publicly owned and leased or contracted to private entity.

Evolution of Grandview Redevelopment Scenarios (February 2008 to April 22, 2015)

	Original Opus Medical Office Proposal (2008)	Grandview Redevelopment Framework p. 19 (2012)	Citizens For A Better Grandview Community Center Proposal (2014)	March 11, 2015 "South Civic Corner"	March 11, 2015 "Central Civic Cascade"	March 11, 2015 "North Civic Tower"	Early April 2015 Concept 1	Early April 2015 Concept 2	Early April 2015 Concept 3	April 22 2015 Scenario 1	April 22 2015 Scenario 2	April 22 2015 Scenario 3
Indoor "Civic"	N/A	50,000 sq. ft.	105,000 sq. ft.	16,000 sq. ft.	23,000 sq. ft.	40,000 sq. ft.	40,000-60,000 sq. ft.	40,000-60,000 sq. ft.	40,000-60,000 sq. ft.	24,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.	50,000-60,000 sq. ft.
Outdoor "Civic"	N/A	28,000 sq. ft.	Would be included — sq. ft. not specified	21,000 sq. ft.	48,000 sq. ft.	37,000 sq. ft.	?	?	?	80,000 sq. ft. including street	60,000 sq. ft. including street	75,000 sq. ft. including street
Total Indoor and Outdoor "Civic"	N/A	78,000 sq. ft.	?	37,000 sq. ft.	71,000 sq. ft.	77,000 sq. ft.	?	?	?	104,000 sq. ft.	110,000-120,000 sq. ft.	125,000-135,000 sq. ft.
Office	114,764 sq. ft.	N/A	N/A	40,000 sq. ft.	56,000 sq. ft.	46,000 sq. ft.	40,000-60,000 sq. ft.	N/A	40,000-60,000 sq. ft.	40,000 sq. f.	N/A	N/A
Residential	0 units	82 units	0 units	157 units	100 units	149 units	140-150 units	290	140-150 units	140-150 units	230-250 units OR 140-150 units PLUS 150 unit hotel	170 units OR 150 unit hotel
Restaurant/Retail	N/A	N/A	If compatible	5,000 sq. ft.	7,000 sq. ft.	8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,000 sq. ft.
Parking	Four-level parking ramp	558	350-500	492 spaces	492 spaces	507 spaces	600-800 spaces	600-800 spaces	600-800 spaces	654 spaces	748 spaces	643 spaces
Max. Height	4 stories	Up to 6 stories	Up to 4 stories	6 stories	6 stories	10 plus stories	10 stories	10 stories	10 stories	12 stories	12 stories	5 stories

Citizens For A Better Grandview Community Center Proposal:

- Preserves public land for public use
- Is the least dense development scenario
- Retains public control over program elements (which influence parking needs and traffic)
- Retains the most public control over the factors that drive public costs
- Includes possibility of compatible restaurant/retail

Heather Branigin

From: JoAnn Knutson <joannknutson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 12:05 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West for Homeless Youth

Mayor Hovland,

I think an investment of \$500,000 in our area's homeless youth and affordable housing would be a wonderful thing! Please vote to help fund the matching money needed to secure state funding of 66 West on May 6th. I will be there!

JoAnn Knutson

Heather Branigin

From: Dinesh Nathan <dineshn17514@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 8:34 PM
To: robert011@msn.com; James Hovland
Cc: Elizabeth Barniskis
Subject: Passion Fair

Hello, my name is Dinesh Nathan we are presenting our passion projects which is a ten page paper on what we think is wrong with our world today at the passion fair at Edina High School tomorrow. Personally I will be presenting on the causes and prevention of obesity. The passion fair is at Edina High school on Wednesday the 28th in the commons and the median center, and I will be presenting my project in the last group. Thanks for reading and hope to see you there!

Heather Branigin

From: Edina <tylerr17178@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 10:20 AM
To: James Hovland
Cc: Elizabeth.Barniskis@edinaschools.org
Subject: Passion Project Fair

Dear Mr. Hovland,

My name is Tyler Ramirez and am a sophomore at Edina High School. I would like to invite you to my Passion Project Fair on April 28th. I did my topic on the possible effects of living in single-parent homes and for my action plan I am going on a mission trip to Indiana to help repair homes. My time is 11:45-12:45 in the commons of EHS.
Thank you

Tyler Ramirez

Heather Branigin

From: Merlin1954@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Re: Open House for Grandview

Thank you, Ann. Do YOU know who they were? Are you concerned about how these folks did not introduce themselves to the voters....er....members of the community present and were unwilling to take questions? Is that the kind of treatment the City Council wants to hand out to the voters....er....members of the community?
Donna

In a message dated 4/28/2015 9:31:17 A.M. Central Daylight Time, lbiunno@EdinaMN.gov writes:

Donna, I am sorry you felt that way.

Ann Swenson, council

Sent from my iPad

**Hennepin County Commissioner
Peter McLaughlin
A2400 Government Center
Mpls, MN 55487-0240**

Jim,
Thanks for submitting the transit
column. Well done!

Peter

Heather Branigin

From: Kate Thornton <kate-thornton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 9:48 PM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: May 6 vote on funds for 66 West

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members Brindle, Staunton, Stewart and Swenson:

I write in support of the proposed \$500,000 contribution for 66 West. In September, you bravely approved the development of 66 West Apartments, an affordable housing project for young homeless adults proposed by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

I understand that on May 6, 2015, the City Council will consider whether to make a \$500,000 contribution to 66 West, from funds designated for the creation of affordable housing and funds which need to be used by 2017. Having the City of Edina's financial support in place would strengthen Beacon's application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional necessary funds for 66 West.

I have had the privilege of working with Beacon over the past year as a mentor for a family coming out of a homeless situation. Beacon has impressed me time and time again with their organization, consistency and thoroughness. It is a top notch organization that I am honored to partner with. Their commitment to ending homelessness throughout the Twin Cities is unparalleled. Their work should be a model for similar needs throughout our nation.

I am a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church located at the corner of 50th Street and Wooddale Ave. Our church is behind 66 West and is committed to seeing it through. More importantly, St. Stephens stands with several other Edina and west metro congregations in fighting to end youth homelessness with the building of 66 West. We would appreciate your votes to approve the \$500,000 contribution to 66 West of funds that need to be used anyway and that are already designated for affordable housing. Beacon is the organization to wisely and efficiently use this money and 66 West is the place. All we need is your vote.

Sincerely,

Kate Thornton

4225 Wooddale Ave. S.

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Heather Branigin

From: Jim Arneson <jimarneson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 9:35 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Dan Patch Bridge
Attachments: SWLRT Southerly Connector.jpg; TC&W Sooutherly Connector.jpg

Mayor Hovland,

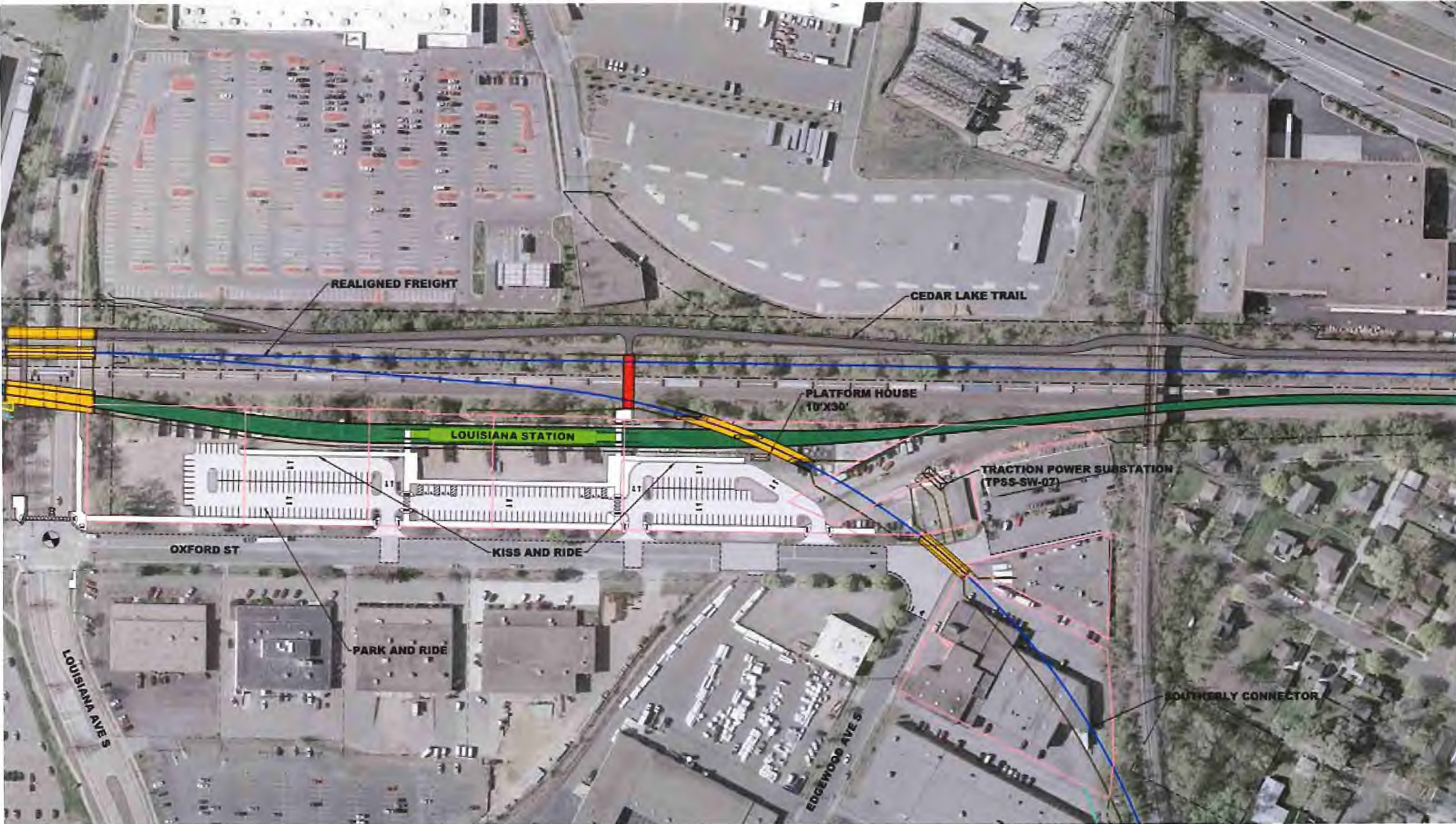
The latest issue (April 2015) of the Fedgazette (newsletter of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis) has an article entitled "The little railroads that could". The article states that the TC&W railroad plans to repair a bridge over the Minnesota River this year to gain direct access to barge terminals. This is almost certainly the Dan Patch bridge over the river South of Bloomington.

I find this especially interesting considering the fact that the most recent plans for the SWLRT include a "Southerly Connector" for the TC&W to the old MN&S tracks through Saint Louis Park, Edina, and Bloomington connecting to this bridge.

The only reasonable conclusion is that the TC&W must be planning to send their grain car trains to the harvest States Grain Terminal on these tracks through your city.

It is entirely possible that I am misinterpreting all this but it seems like something the residents of Edina might not be entirely pleased with.

Jim Arneson



SOUTHWEST LRT ALIGNMENT **SEGMENT E2 - ST. LOUIS PARK** **LOUISIANA STATION** **PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PLAN**



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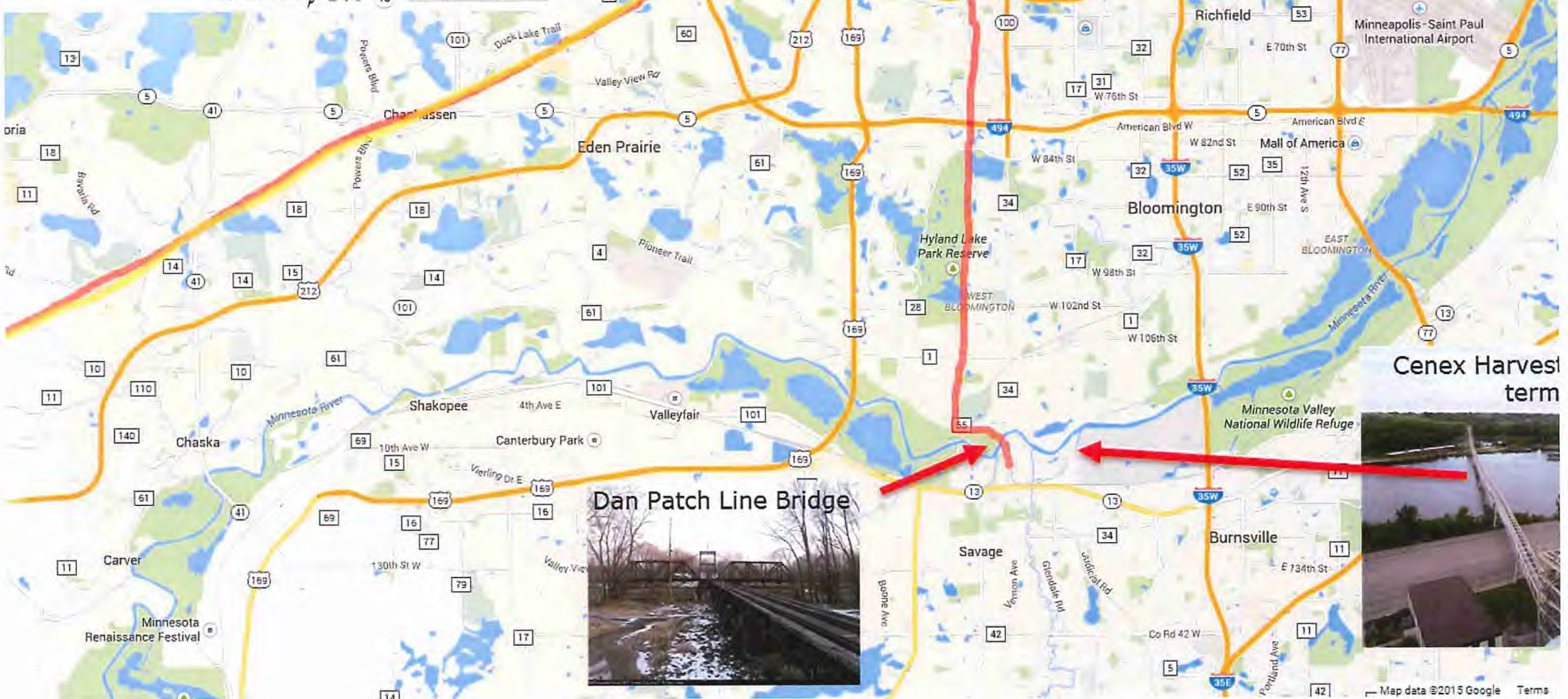
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	TUNNEL		SYSTEMS BUILDING (DESIGN VARIES)
	ROADWAY		GATE ARM
	TRAIL / SIDEWALK		TOTAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION
	SURFACE PARKING		PARTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION
	BRIDGE		RIGHT OF WAY
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SOUTHWEST LRT ALIGNMENT
 SEGMENT E2 - ST. LOUIS PARK
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SEPTEMBER 2014



Dan Patch Line Bridge



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Heather Branigin

From: t_youel <t_youel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 11:17 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Lot at Lynn and Littel

Dear Mayor,

I live across the street from the City Homes development of the Sidell property and was surprised this morning at what appears to be unreported and permanent land alteration of the public space. I do remember discussion of a water garden to handle runoff from a 100 year flood but the size and location of this appears to be different from what was shared with public.

The outpouring from the neighbors from this and previous development attempts has clearly shown that the neighborhood desires to be part of all landscaping and other changes to this public space. Once again, this reality seems to have been ignored.

Please advise if construction can be halted until this can be sorted out.

Thank you,
Ted Youel
4228 Oakdale
612.743.8928



A Clothes Collection System



April 20, 2015

Dear Mayor:

We are pleased to present EDINA with a Certificate of Sustainability from USAgain. This certificate documents our shared success in greening your community. We commend you for hosting USAgain collection bins in your community, and the attached certificate is a great way to increase recycling awareness and document EDINA's efforts toward sustainability.

In 2014, USAgain diverted 33,271 pounds of textile waste from landfills (equal to 7.6048 garbage truckload(s)), saved 190.12 cubic yards of landfill space, prevented 232,897 pounds of CO₂ emissions, and saved 46,579,400 gallons of water. None of this would have been possible without the help of site sponsors and the cooperation of municipalities.

With your help, we are one step closer to reducing the amount of clothes, shoes, and other textiles that are thrown away everyday in the United States. According to the EPA, 85% of all textiles in the U.S. are trashed. That's 11.1 million tons of textiles sent to our nation's landfills each year – a waste of resources and a major source of pollution. One t-shirt requires over 700 gallons of water and nearly 7 pounds of CO₂ to manufacture. By diverting the clothing from landfills and putting it back in the reuse cycle, we help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve natural resources, reduce usage of harmful chemicals, and provide affordable clothing options for millions of people.

Our success is rooted in our strict adherence to strong business practices, which ensure the public is aware of who we are and what we do. Our collection bins are well maintained and serviced regularly by our driver service representatives who follow routine schedules with pre-determined routes. In addition, we offer 24-hour toll-free access to a live phone operator.

We work with communities across the country, on our own and in concert with the Secondary Materials & Recycled Textiles Association (SMART), to advocate for reasonable and equitable regulations that recognize the benefits of and create standards for the placement and operation of collection bins. Through these efforts, local municipalities are adopting ordinances based on the SMART model ordinance to help promote the increased diversion of usable textiles through collection bins. To view the model ordinance, please visit:

www.smartasn.org/government/issues.cfm.

For more information on USAgain and textile recycling, please visit:

www.usagain.com/municipality.

Should you have any questions regarding USAgain or our programs and initiatives, please contact me. Regards,

Mattias Wallander
CEO, USAgain

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CERTIFICATE OF SUSTAINABILITY

2014

EDINA, MINNESOTA

Textiles



33,271
pounds collected

Water



46,579,400
gallons saved

Landfill Space



191
cubic yards saved

CO₂ Emissions



232,897
pounds prevented

Garbage Truckloads



7
truckloads diverted

Mattias Wallander, CEO



Katherine Kessler
MINNEAPOLIS MN 553
1425 LaSalle Ave.
Apt. 304
Mpls, MN 55403

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Ryan Quinn, Ben Kinne, Mike
Kregness

Edina Fire Dept.

Ben, Mike, and Ryan (and everyone else),

I really enjoyed my ride-along on Wednesday and I wanted to let you all know how much I appreciate you letting me tag along. Everyone was so welcoming. I learned even more than I had hoped, thanks to Ben especially, and the experience has me seriously considering firefighting as a career, which I never thought I would. I have great respect for you all and the work you do. Thank you again,

Katherine Kessler

Deb Mangen

From: crabtreejr@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 12:05 PM
To: Deb Mangen
Subject: Council correspondence - Council meeting May 5, 2015 - Zoning Amendments

Dear Deb

Please include this in the Council packet for the next meeting. Thank you for your help.

John Crabtree

Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of Council.

Re: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - section 2, window wells

Section 2 of the proposed ordinance amendments include the definitions of window well and the setback regulations would include all window wells. However there two additional areas which deserve your attention:

1. Side yard setbacks for window wells.

The current ordinances require a 3' setback for an egress window well on one side of the house. On the other side, a window well could in theory be built to the lot line.

I observed the teardown of, and construction of the new foundation for, the house at 5420 Oaklawn Avenue. Initially I was astonished that the contractor dug a hole 8' deep to within 2" (two inches) of the property line. Accordingly he put his construction fence on the neighbor's property, which was done without consultation with the owner. I hardly need point out that that was trespass.

On the south side of the house, the main foundation was set back 7' 6" from the property line. There is a window well where the inner edge of the wall extends to 5' 6" from the property line. It was when they backfilled around the foundation that i understood why they had dug so close to the property line. They needed the width to get the Bobcat T110 around the side of the foundation.

The City Construction Management Plan states: "The construction on this site will follow normal industry and City accepted construction methods for a project of this type." The narrowest Bobcat (T110), where the operator sits on the machine i, which is the standard practice, s 47" wide. It is then apparent that the City is approving plans for new houses which cannot be built by standard methods without encroachment onto adjacent property.

Either it is the intention of the City that this is acceptable. or there should be at least a 6' clear side yard setback on one side of a house. Any shoring and the construction fence should all be on the property being developed. There is the unusual condition where the same developer owns two adjacent lots.

2. Front to back depth of window wells

There is currently no restriction in the City Ordinances about the front to back depth of a window well. This has led to developers exploiting the system to their advantage. At 5509 Park Place, the front to back depth of the window well is 6'. At which point is the construction a regular window well, a lookout window, or an outdoor patio?

The Minnesota State Building Code requires an egress window to have a minimum front to back depth of 3' One way to move forward would be to make this the maximum front the back depth. After that it could be made part of the lot coverage calculation.

I will have pictures for the public hearing on Tuesday

Thank you, and sincerely

John Crabtree

5408 Oaklawn Avenue
Edina, MN55424-1609
tel: 952-928-8434

Heather Branigin

From: Brian Shekleton <Brian.Shekleton@hennepin.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 3:01 PM
To: ntyra-lukens@edenprairie.org; gmaxwell@hopkinsmn.com; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; James Hovland; tschneider@eminnetonka.com
Cc: Grace Goodrich; gbarone@eminnetonka.com; mmornson@hopkinsmn.com; Getschow@edenprairie.org; Scott H. Neal; tharmening@stlouispark.org; peter.wagenius@minneapolismn.gov; Janis Callison; Peter McLaughlin; Allyson Lueneburg; Dauna L Sprowls; Dorothy Rucker; Debra R Brisk; Catherine M. Walker; adam.duininck@metc.state.mn.us; mark.fuhrmann@metrotransit.org
Subject: SWLRT Mayors meeting with County Commissioners
Attachments: SWLRT May 5 Mayors Meeting Invite.pdf

Mayors and City Administrators along the Southwest LRT alignment,

Hennepin County Commissioners Jan Callison and Peter McLaughlin reserved a room at Minnetonka City Hall next Tuesday morning from 10-12 to discuss the appropriate local government response to the new projected cost for the SWLRT project.

The Commissioners apologize for the short notice but given the investments by each city in this project, they hope that every Mayor or a designee and a staff person of their choosing are able to attend. Met Council Chair Duininck has confirmed that he will be in attendance.

Brian

Brian Shekleton

Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0240

April 29, 2015

Dear Mayors:

Monday the Metropolitan Council announced that the base cost for the Southwest Light Rail is now almost \$2 billion. We are inviting you to a meeting of all the mayors along the corridor to discuss the appropriate response by those of us most affected by any changes, local government. We hope you or a designee and one staff person from your city can attend this important meeting. Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duininck, is also invited to join this discussion.

Each city was deeply involved in a rigorous civic discussion that resulted in the choice of the existing Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for transit mode and alignment. This Monday Governor Dayton clearly directed the Met Council to examine all alternatives to the Southwest LRT, including the costs of "providing no major public transit system" to this part of the region.

We hope that we can provide Governor Dayton and the Met Council with a path that will preserve Southwest LRT. We think it is critically important that the meeting precede the Corridor Management Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday so that we can compare notes and prepare for that important forum. To that end, please join us at a meeting:

Tuesday, May 5
10AM-12PM
Shady Oak Room
Minnetonka City Hall
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter McLaughlin".

Peter McLaughlin, Chair
Counties Transit Improvement Board
Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan Callison".

Jan Callison, Chair
Hennepin County Board

Heather Branigin

From: Tina <tlandeen@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 10:02 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Mary Brindle; kstauton@EdinaMN.gov; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: 66 West funding

It is not often that one is given an opportunity to really make a difference in the social structure of a community. You have been given that opportunity now by voting YES on May 6.

You can make a positive difference in the lives of young people that you do not even know by continuing to support 66 West.

And in so doing, you will change their lives forever.

If you vote no on May 6, you will still be changing their lives but in a manner that is really not worthy of the great city of Edina.

For every choice there is a consequence. Let your choice result in a consequence that will help our young people now and in the years to come.

Thanks you.

Tina Landeen
7250 York Avenue South
Edina, MN 55435
tlandeen@aol.com

P.S. I would love to call each and everyone of you and verbally thank you for past support and and encourage you to vote yes on May 6, but...this email will have to do. Thanks again!!! T.

Heather Branigin

From: White Oaks <whiteoaksedina@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 10:35 PM
To: Chad Millner; Laura Adler; Ross Bintner; Patrick Wrase; Kevin Staunton; James Hovland; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle
Cc: Patty and Brooks O'Neil; Erin Newkirk; Erin Newkirk; Karin Wille and Mike Casserly; Cheryl Appeldorn and Tom Schnettler; Dr. Christie Rhodes Dekko and Jeff Dekko; Jenny McDowell and Dan Jennings; Cheryle and Dr. Ed Clausman; Lou DiLorenzo; Susan Graham
Subject: Fwd: Rain And Water

Dear Mayor, City Council Members and Staff,

I am forwarding the email that I sent to our neighborhood organization after the February meeting regarding the 2016 White Oaks street project and storm water management. If you take the time to read it--it is long--you will see that the White Oaks Assoc. and the city are aligned in the direction of these efforts.

Our neighborhood is facing serious issues associated with increased rainwater inundating our wetlands. As we go forward in anticipation of construction in 2016, I would like the opportunity to present the neighborhood's perspective on the issue in a thorough and intentional manner. I know that as citizens, my neighbors and I can speak at city council meetings and that we will and have been invited to community meetings. In these venues, our time to speak is limited and we are not the primary speakers. As we react to others and attempt to share our concerns and our history, our message is muddled.

We would like to have an opportunity to give a formal presentation on the neighborhood's perspective at one of the next meetings where the storm water and street projects will be discussed. Please let me know if this is possible and if so, the time and dates that might be available. I would request about 20 minutes if possible.

Sincerely
Heather Wallace
President of White Oaks Improvement Association
Home Phone: 952-926-0855

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **White Oaks** <whiteoaksedina@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Apr 11, 2015 at 2:50 PM
Subject: Rain And Water

This is a long email....

Back in February, several of us attended a city meeting to share the results of the wetland study. Here is a link to the city information.
http://edinamn.gov/edinafiles/files/City_Offices/Engineering/Construction_Projects/Morningside_A_White_Oaks_C/WhiteOaks_022515.pdf

Here is my understanding.

History

When White Oaks was established, the plan was for the Townes Rd marsh to remain natural, though some portions of it were owned by individuals. In the 80's a developer was interested in building houses in the location. The White Oaks Association organized and raised money, negotiated with the developer and was able to buy the land and give it to the city to be maintained as a natural area. The legal paperwork with the city also includes mention of the area for water drainage.

Several years ago, while researching the tree loss in the Townes Rd marsh, Cheryl Appledorn discovered that in the late 1990's, storm sewers along Sunnyside which had previously drained through the Arden Ave sewers to Minnehaha Creek were diverted to drain into the Townes Rd marsh. City engineers had devised this plan to alleviate flooding in homes on Arden Ave.

Background.

We asked the city to consider working with us to mitigate the impact of additional rainwater that has been diverted into the Townes Rd marsh for the last several years.

The city responded with a study of all 3 of our wetlands-The Townes Rd marsh, the Meadow and the wetland between France Ave and South Townes between 49th and 48th.

Two solutions were offered at the February Meeting

i should add that the staff from both the city and Barr engineering seemed to be frustrated by the lack of options to deal with our excess water. Here are the options they presented.

1. Installation of pipes to carry water from the other two wetlands to the Townes Rd Marsh (the lowest area) and then another pipe to pump from the Townes Rd marsh to Minnehaha Creek. At a cost of about \$800,000, this solution would require permission from the Minnehaha watershed to pump the water and water could only be pumped when the creek could accommodate it. As an example, most of last summer we could not have pumped water.

2. Use of 'green infrastructure' to reduce the rain that goes through sewers and streets into all the wetlands. This involves many options, including: rain barrels to catch roof runoff, raingardens, catchment basins below streets to hold water, permeable paving surfaces, and more options. All these options are designed to catch the rain and allow it to slowly seep into the soil, rather than run off into the storm sewers. This has the added advantage of protecting and replenishing our water table instead of sending it down the creek into the Gulf.

One caveat

The city has designated a "level of service" to protect homes from what they call a 100 year flood- or a the worst flood that could be expected in 100 years. This is what led to the diversion of water to protect Arden Ave homes from flooding. The recent study included a review of the flooding possibilities related to our 3 wetlands. The good news/bad news is that in a 100 year event, no homes in our area would be impacted by the flooding. Good news, because we are not likely to be flooded. Bad news, because the city does not have to fix anything to reach the required level of service in our neighborhood.

What to do?

Contact city council members to encourage them to provide the necessary funding to incorporate green infrastructure into our upcoming street project.

Begin to think of ways to reduce water run off on your own property, if you have landscaping projects coming up, keep this in mind. Consider a rain garden and consider rain barrels. I will be working on this too.

Frustration:

Despite the extensive wetland study conducted by Barr, they are not able to confirm that the redirection of water killed our trees. While I understand why--they have no evidence of what trees were there, when they died, etc, The fact that there seems to be no way to hold the city accountable for the changes in the wetland is a continued source of frustration for many of us.

Looking forward

We ask for your support as we work with the city to mitigate the impact of rainwater. As our neighborhood and our city has more impervious surfaces--bigger roofs, patios, driveways-- and our climate has more large rainfall events, we need to update our view of water management. It is no longer realistic to simply observe our downspouts carrying water off to streets and to storm sewers and ultimately to far away rivers and seas. If we want to continue to enjoy our natural wetlands, we need to think of protecting them by slowing down our rainwater runoff, allowing it to stay with us and replenish our water table. This is the idea behind green infrastructure.

Just as many of us have lived through a change in attitude toward pollution, emissions, and even smoking, we are living through a time of increased knowledge and awareness that will impact our management of rain.

Heather Wallace
President of White Oaks Improvement Association
Home Phone: 952-926-0855

Heather Branigin

From: James Cross <james.crossmn@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Council Member Ann Swenson
Subject: 66 West Support

To:
Mayor James Hovland
Council Member Mary Brindle
Council Member Kevin Staunton
Council Member Bob Stewart
Council Member Ann Swenson

Just a quick note to express my wholehearted support for Beacon Interfaith's 66 West project. This will provide a much-needed service in our community and deserves Edina's full support. On May 6, I urge you to vote yes to the city's investment of \$500,000 in capital funding for 66 West.

Thank you for your service to the community.

Jim Cross and family
5928 Abbott Ave S
Edina, MN 55410

Deb Mangen

From: James Grotz <Jim.Grotz@RaymondJames.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Deb Mangen
Subject: Zoning Ordinance Proposed Changes
Attachments: DSCN1027.JPG

Dear Ms. Mangen, Please distribute this in the Council Mail Packets and place this in the City Correspondence / Public Record at EdinaMN.gov, thank you.

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Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of Council.

Re: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - section 2

Regarding the proposed 3 foot setback from the property line on one side of the house. Please look at the attached photo: the dimensions are 6 feet in depth(foundation wall to front) and 13 feet in width; is this a " Lookout Window ", an " Egress Window ", a " Window Well " or a " Window Patio "? We are now forced to look at 3 floors of windows on our side yard ! Should this amendment cover privacy rights of existing residents ? Existing residents privacy rights are now being exploited by builders. As you look at the attached photo; this could be easily modified to be a side yard patio given the size. The builder filed his plans to build this as an 8 foot poured concrete foundation wall, then changed his mind just before the concrete was poured. Please limit the foundation wall to front dimension for either " Lookout Windows ", " Egress Windows ", " Window Wells " or " Window Patios ".

Construction Hours

Please correct the City Code so it agrees with the construction hours listed on the Construction Management Plan which is a contract signed by the builders. There is an inconsistency for the Saturday construction hours. Please change the code so that so both the City Code and the Construction Management Plan stop all construction at 6pm on Saturday. Residents are entitled to enjoy the short warm weather outdoor season without bobcats and power equipment interference.

Thank you for your consideration on the above. Regards,

Jim Grotz
5513 Park Place
Edina MN 55424
Day # 952-925-5150





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4/28/15

Mayor Hovland
4801 West 50th St.
Edina MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

We are four students from the South View Environmental Group at South View Middle School. Our group works to inform others about environmental problems, their solutions, and what we as citizens can do. We recently participated in a forum entitled *Here Comes the Sun*. Thank you for attending this event! We hope you learned something new about what we can do for our community.

Earlier this year, we worked to install solar panels on our district schools. Unfortunately, we met a lot of resistance on this idea. We acknowledge that building construction is planned for the near future and it is therefore unwise to invest in the panels now. However, we also suggested preparing to get panels in the future. The community representatives that we spoke with were unwilling to consider that option as well, which we didn't understand. It would be beneficial for Edina to lead the way in implementing renewable energy programs.

We acknowledge that climate change is happening and we believe that we can help solve this major problem. We hope that our town will consider investing in some programs to slow down and stop the warming of the planet. Community solar gardens are a great way to bond our people and cut down on the burning of fossil fuels. Programs encouraging correct recycling and composting will also help our community cut down on our carbon footprint. Let's help Edina become a leader in the energy of the future!

Thank you for your leadership and support of our beliefs. We hope that we will see some of these programs in Edina!

Sincerely,

Four handwritten signatures are visible. From left to right: Abby Mans, Jonah Calvo, Kaela Bloemendaal, and Jacob Crain. The signatures are written in dark ink and are somewhat stylized.

Abby Mans, Jonah Calvo, Kaela Bloemendaal, Jacob Crain

Heather Branigin

From: Sharon Aadalen <saadalen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 1:23 PM
To: Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Ann Swenson; Edina Mail; Robert Stewart
Subject: 66 West Apartments

Greetings, Members of the Edina City Council,

Your support to date for this proposed project has meant everything to the project being able to move ahead.

On Tuesday, May 5th, the Council will be considering a capital contribution to 66 West. A City of Edina investment of \$500,000. will leverage the state funding needed to make 66 West a reality. Please lend your support to this important investment.

I will be unable to attend the City Council Meeting May 5th (Edina Chorale Rehearsal 6-9:30pm), and regret I will not be able to attend and attest in person to my support for the proposed supportive housing for southwest suburban youth and young adults (66 West) in the former TCF Bank Building on 66th street.

As a long time member of Edina Community Lutheran Church, a mentor over many years to an LGTB young adult homeless youth since early teens, I am deeply committed to working to assure that 66 west becomes a reality - a stable, affordable, safe, secure and supportive environment - a home - for homeless / formerly homeless youth in the south west suburbs. When built, 66 West will be the first such housing in the western suburbs serving 18-21 years of age.

Thank you for your thoughtful request of this important proposed investment.

Sincerely,
Sharon Aadalen

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Sharon Aadalen

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Heather Branigin

From: julie zimmerman berg <juliezb@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 2:46 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: A few questions from a neighbor in St. Louis Park

Good afternoon Mayor Hovland-

I am a St. Louis Park resident with kids in the St. Louis Park Public Schools and I am on a visioning team for 2020 strategic planning committee for the schools.

My area of interest and research deals with improvements to the facilities in the schools.

I am a huge fan of the forward thinking of Edina with its facilities and schools. Like in St. Louis Park, I know that Edina Public Schools and the City are two separate entities. I was trying to find out if the building of beautiful Edina Performing Arts Center at Edina High School was funded solely through school bonding or whether the city was a part of the financing. Edina is lucky to have so many auditoriums and spaces for its residents to gather!

I have tried to find this on my own but have not found the right thing. Compliments to whoever keeps up your city website-- you have a lot of great information there!

Thanks in advance for your time and attention to my email. I look forward to your reply.

julie zimmerman berg
juliezb@aol.com
952.926.9311

Heather Branigin

From: Cindy Larson
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Heather Branigin
Cc: Scott H. Neal; Cary Teague
Subject: FW: Trespass and difficulty

Good afternoon Heather,

Per Mr. Sullivan's request below, can you please share this correspondence with our Council?

Thank you,

Cindy Larson, Residential Redevelopment Coordinator
4801 W. 50th St. | Edina, MN 55424
952-833-9521 | Fax 952-826-0389
CLarson@EdinaMN.gov | www.EdinaMN.gov/Planning ...For Living, Learning, Raising Families & Doing Business

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Sullivan [<mailto:michael@thenewoldhouseco.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 3:16 PM
To: Cindy Larson
Subject: Trespass and difficulty

Good morning Cindy,

I know you deal with us contractors when we transgress. Is part of your role to address the Edina citizens when their behavior is harassing and involves trespass?

Is my only option to call police and contact lawyers?

The south neighbors at 5509 Park place are involving themselves with most of my subs. They stand over us and photograph us all day while we work. I have asked them not to talk to my subs.

They stand on their 8' ladder to peer and photograph over the bushes into the backyard.

They go on their roof to peer and photograph.

We have witnessed them trespassing.

They walk into the street in front of our house to photograph and address our subs.

This happens everyday. It starts when we arrive. It continues past work stoppage.

The city has gone a long way to guarantee its residents' rights, but my company is a property owner and taxpayer, and I think we are getting steamrolled.

This has been a nightmare.

Can you help?

Please let me know.

Please share this with the city council.

Thank you.
Sent from my iPhone
Michael Sullivan
President

Sullivan Renovation Inc dba
The New Old House Co.
4536 Dupont Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN, 55419
BC219097 612.282.8428

Heather Branigin

From: Peter Otness <peterotn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 7:33 PM
To: James Hovland
Cc: Laurie Shimizu
Subject: Team 1816 City Council Appearance and Update on FIRST Championships

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Edina High Robotics Team 1816 is back from Championships. We would be honored to send team representatives to present to the City Council on the Championship competition and other 2015 team activities, as you earlier suggested. Just let us know the meeting date that would work for the City Council, and it will be our pleasure to send team representatives to present at that meeting.

In the meantime, I am pleased to provide the following update on the team's experiences at Championships.

The 2015 *FIRST* Championships were held in St. Louis this past week, April 22-25, 2015. Over 600 *FIRST* Robotics teams participated, so there was plenty of excitement and a terrific chance to meet fellow *FIRST* teams. The competition was truly international in scope, with teams from Australia, China, Turkey, Israel and, of course, Edina Minnesota (!) traveling to St. Louis to compete in Recycle Rush. Altogether over 18,000 students from 40 countries gathered in St. Louis, including *FIRST* Robotics (FRC) teams, *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) teams, and *FIRST* Lego League and Jr. Lego League teams.

The Green Machine competed on the Curie field, and at the end of the qualifying rounds we were thrilled to be chosen by the fifth-ranked team as their first alliance partner. Unfortunately our alliance was eliminated in quarterfinals, but it was an honor to compete at this level at Championships with so many fine teams in attendance.

A highlight for our team at Championships was the recognition of our valued mentor, Mark Lawrence, with the national Woodie Flowers award. This award recognizes an outstanding engineer or teacher who best demonstrates teaching excellence in teaching science, math and creative design. Team 1816 is truly fortunate to have a team mentor of the caliber of Mr. Lawrence.

Other team mentors and members presented and participated in conferences held in conjunction with Championships. Ms. Laurie Shimizu (with Mr. Lawrence) presented at a conference session held to brief teams

on “How to Make *FIRST* a Lettered Sport in Your State.” In another conference session, I shared my own experiences on last spring’s Washington D.C. STEM advocacy trip to Capitol Hill.

We learned a lot in St. Louis, and we had a lot of fun. As with all of our efforts and successes, it would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors and other supporters. Thank you for all that you do for our team.

We will be working hard in the next several weeks to prepare for our next competition: the Minnesota State High School League state tournament, at the University of Minnesota on May 16, 2015. We hope you will be able to stop by Williams Arena to watch us compete!

Until then, thanks again for your support this year.

Sincerely,

Peter Otness

Team 1816 The Green Machine

Edina High School

Heather Branigin

From: Michelle Jones <mfrost1@me.com>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 9:08 PM
To: Scott H. Neal
Cc: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; Tedd Nelson; Mimi
Subject: Abandoned home that is a danger

Good Evening Mr Neal,

I live at 6227 Westridge Boulevard (Valley View Rd & Westridge). The house one removed (6300 Valley View Road) has been abandoned since at least when we bought our home in 2012. The home is completely unsafe, ugly and dangerously unkept.

The outside walls have huge holes, with branches and "nesting materials", broken windows, birds flying out chimney and all around in disrepair. It is very dangerous. If anyone thought it'd be fun to "party or play" in the home it may fall or collapse. There is wildlife living in the shed, garage and home. It is so scary. Also, this house has no address listed nor a mailbox.

With all the homes that are for sale, families that currently living or purchasing to live in the neighborhood, it is an eyesore, dangerous and frankly ugly.

Why is it this home is allow to be abandoned, unkept, unsafe and a great home for wildlife but there are strict rules for other people. I really wish this home would be used, fixed up and/or torn down (since no one can really live in it).

If you need any ideas what to do with the one acre, make a pretty park for all the families that live around it (Westridge & Valley View).

I normally do not write letters about other homes or complain, but NOONE lives there and it is close to collapsing and falling apart.

Please check into the home & property. Also, please let me know any actions that are taken as my neighbors and I are concerned.

Thank you for your time,

Michelle Jones
6227 Westridge Boulevard
Edina, MN 55436
(612)231-2424

Happily
Thank you, M

Happily sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Dressen, Ric <Ric.Dressen@edinaschools.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 5:45 AM
To: juliezb@aol.com
Cc: James Hovland
Subject: Edina Performing Arts Center

Julie,

Thanks for your email to Mayor Hovland and your sharing about our performing arts centers. Edina Public Schools has 5 performing arts locations:

- A black box theatre at the high school
- Valley View Auditorium and Dragseth Auditorium at our middle schools
- Fick Auditorium and Edina Performing Arts Center at the high school.

All the locations were funded through district funds and we work to have them available for our district programs, as well as our community programs.

Let me know if I can be of additional help.

Ric Dressen
Superintendent

Heather Branigin

From: Lambert, Anna Mae <AnnaMaeLambert@edinarealty.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 7:42 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Apartments...

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, and Swenson:

In September 2014 the City Council voted final approval of the zoning and land use for the development of 66 West Apartments, an affordable housing project for young homeless adults developed by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

It is my understanding that on May 6, 2015 the City Council will consider making a \$500,000 contribution to the 66 West Apartment project, from funds designated for creation of affordable housing, which need to be used by 2017. Having the City of Edina's fiscal support would significantly strengthen Beacon's application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional funds needed for 66 West.

Over a year ago I began to believe that the people of Edina could make 66 West happen and I pledged to see this through until those 39 apartments were available. As a longtime Edina resident and member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 50th and Wooddale, I am encouraged knowing there is tremendous support for 66 West in our community. I ask that 66 West be given your positive vote!

Anna Mae Lambert

Heather Branigin

From: Gary Domann <brianandgary@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 10:08 AM
To: Laura Adler; Scott H. Neal; Chad Millner; James Hovland; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Melody Lake

To: Laura Adler,

This is a follow up to my e-mail I sent to you on April 22, 2014, inquiring about the start up date for the airators on Melody Lake. I would also like to voice our concern about the floating cables that connect the Airators. During our new sewer, curb & gutter, and street construction in 2012, the lake level was lowered to complete a new storm sewer on the NW end of the lake. The cable has been floating on the surface ever since then. (across from 5028 Normandale Court) When the Lake is frozen this really becomes a safety issue as the cable protrudes up through the ice. Many people use the lake during the Winter months. Lots of ice skaters, cross country skiers, and people with their dogs. Melody Lake is actually more of a frozen dog park in the winter months.

Perhaps when the City treats our lake again this Summer, you could have them tie a couple of concrete blocks around the cable so it would sink to the bottom again.

A response would be appreciated.

Regards,

Brian Ellingson
Gary Domann

Heather Branigin

From: Bill and Lu VanBenthuisen <billandluvan@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 5:20 PM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: 66 West - YES

Mayor Hovland and Council Members Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, and Swenson;

Thank you. We have been so very pleased with your past encouragement and support for the proposed 66 West project under the Interfaith Housing collaborative, Beacon. Please know that you have our encouragement and support for approving the next step, the Edina capital funding investment of \$500,000.

We also continue to encourage support for this project by our Edina church, Good Samaritan UMC.

Bill and Lu VanBenthuisen
7100 Metro Blvd #7100
Edina MN 55435
952-920-9531

Heather Branigin

From: Elizabeth M. Sorenson Brotten <Elizabeth.Brotten@lindjensen.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 6:00 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Follow-Up from Ambassador Aas Luncheon

Mayor Hovland,

Great to meet you today at the luncheon for Ambassador Aas. It was also great to hear about your connection to the Stanley, North Dakota area! I have very fond memories of the area and I wouldn't have chosen to grow up anywhere else.

As I mentioned, my husband and I are new citizens of Edina. We love our new home and neighborhood and have been incredibly impressed with the responsiveness of the City officials to the various "new resident" questions we have had. The new citizen packet we received from the city was also very welcoming. Thank you very much for your work on behalf of the City and I hope our paths cross again in the future!!

Meanwhile, I invite you to check out all the Grand Opening events coming up at Norway House this summer. We are very excited to be opening our beautiful new facility on Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis and have several events to celebrate the occasion: <http://norwayhouse.org/>

Sincerley,
Elizabeth

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Heather Branigin

From: Ward <wgodsall@live.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 9:11 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Apartment Project

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart and Swenson:

Tomorrow the citizens of Edina are asked to vote on a tax referendum to enhance the budget of our school systems. We support these initiatives that help our young people succeed in their lives through an excellent education. On Wednesday, you have the opportunity to approve a \$500,000 contribution to support those youth in our communities who have not succeeded, as a donation to the 66 West Apartment project. This money will strengthen Beacon's application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional funds for this project.

As a community, we need to support all of our young people in their growth. Both of these projects will enhance the chances for success in their lives - for those in our school system and those who are perhaps living on the fringe, at greater risk, as homeless youth in our community. I encourage you to endorse this contribution to 66 West Apartment project for the sake of these young people.

Sincerely,

J. Ward Godsall, MD
5601 Johnson Drive
Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: ellyrw@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 10:13 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for Capital Contribution to 66 West

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, and Swenson:

I am writing regarding the development of 66 West Apartments, which was approved in September, 2014. I appreciate your support of this excellent project for young homeless adults developed by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

I have learned that on May 6, 2015, the City Council will consider making a \$500,000 contribution to the 66 West Apartment project from funds designated for creation of affordable housing. Since this money needs to be used by 2017, this proposal is timely, and having the City of Edina's financial support would significantly strengthen Beacon's application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional funds needed for 66 West.

I feel it is important to have more affordable housing in Edina, and I urge your vote to grant this funding to the 66 West project. As a resident of Edina since 1971, I have been concerned over the years at the lack of significant affordable housing in Edina and see this as a good opportunity to change the situation. I plan to attend the Council meeting on May 6 and look forward to your positive vote.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Wagner
5529 Vernon Ave. South
Edina, MN 55436
952-922-7703

Heather Branigin

From: tom McCoy <tmccoy64@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 6:58 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Hwy 100 sa 17

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Hello , we are at 5021 edinbrook lane...please count our household as a yes..we see a lot of pros about this wall..thank you Tom McCoy

Heather Branigin

From: Amber Mrnak <ambermrnak@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 4800 Westbrook

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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As new residents of Edina, we were elated to learn of the possible installation of a noise wall. This would greatly improve the quality of our neighborhood. We are in full support. - Amber and Michael Mrnak

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Branigin

From: Sanders, Laurie <Laurie_Sanders@cable.comcast.com> on behalf of Coleman, Emmett <Emmett_Coleman@cable.comcast.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Brian Grogan (brian.grogan@lawmoss.com)
Cc: Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; rgetschow@edenprairie.org; rcase@edenprairie.org; platham@eminnetonka.com; SDevich@cityofrichfield.org; dgoettel@cityofrichfield.org; jgenellie@hopkinsmn.com; Ludden, Martin; Coleman, Emmett
Subject: Letter to Southwest Suburban Cable Commission
Attachments: Ltr to Southwest Suburbs 5-4-2015.pdf

Attached is a letter from Emmett Coleman to the Commission for your consideration.



VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

May 4, 2015

Mr. Brian Grogan
Franchise Administrator
Southwest Suburban Cable Commission
150 South 5th Street, Suite 1200
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Re: CenturyLink Video Franchise Application

Dear Mr. Grogan:

In late May and early April, members of the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission (“the Cities”) issued Notices of Intent to Franchise (herein the “Notices”). The Notices state that the Cities will hold public hearings over the course of the next two weeks regarding all applications that they receive. It is our understanding that these public hearings are to establish the record for the Cities’ votes regarding whether they will commence franchise negotiation discussions, and under what terms, with the applicants based on the applicant’s response to the Notices. I am writing to provide you with Comcast’s position in regard to the process going forward and limited record in front of you today.

At the outset, let me state clearly that Comcast welcomes a fair and robust competitive marketplace made up of responsible competitors, and we do not oppose the granting of an equitable cable franchise to CenturyLink. Consumers can choose from numerous video options today, including Comcast, DirectTV, DISH Network, and “over the top”-services like Netflix, Amazon, Apple TV and Hulu. This fiercely competitive landscape is challenging, but it brings out the best in each company – at least when competitors face a level playing field that treats similar providers in a similar manner.

I. Comcast’s Interest in This Proceeding.

Comcast has made substantial financial investments in its cable system over the years to serve the Cities with a state-of-the-art network. In order to provide cable services and locate its cable system within public rights-of-way, Comcast has operated under a cable franchise renewed by the Cities in August of 2012. The Franchise Agreement has required much of Comcast, including notably:

- A requirement that Comcast offer cable service to customers throughout the member cities of the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission, specifically to every residential dwelling unit within 125 feet of Comcast’s feeder cable (Comcast Franchise Section 6.6

- (c)) and to any new development with a density equivalent to seven (7) homes per one-quarter (1/4) mile for aerial construction and nine (9) homes per one-quarter(1/4) mile for underground construction (Comcast Franchise Section 6.6 (a));
- A one-time, \$200,000 PEG grant (Comcast Franchise 7.16 (a)); and
- Courtesy cable services to over 100 schools, municipal buildings and government offices in the member cities (Comcast Franchise Section 5.2).

CenturyLink's franchise application either rejects or is silent regarding whether and to what extent it will agree to many of the franchise obligations that have been required of Comcast.

II. Level Playing Field Requirements and the FCC's 621 Order.

Minnesota's extensive cable franchising statutory scheme is clear that: "No municipality shall grant an additional franchise for cable service for an area included in an existing franchise on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those in the existing franchise pertaining to: (1) the area served; (2) public, educational, or governmental access requirements; or (3) franchise fees." Minn. Stat. § 238.08, subd. 1(b).

Since "applicant is still finalizing its initial footprint for the deployment of cable services" in the member cities of the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission, the applicant did not provide any information regarding the area it is proposing to serve. Comcast, therefore cannot comment on if CenturyLink's franchise proposal is "more favorable or less burdensome" than Comcast's franchise obligations. It is concerning, however, that it does not appear that CenturyLink's buildout commitment will be consistent with the Minnesota Cable Act. Even more concerning is that CenturyLink hasn't accepted even the minimal obligations that it has made in its own applications. For example, in the application submitted to the City of Minneapolis, CenturyLink proposed an initial 30% buildout; in the actual franchise, however, CenturyLink committed to building only 15% of the City.

We want to be very clear that the FCC's 621 Orders that CenturyLink relies upon in its response does not preempt Minnesota's Cable Act. As recently as January 2015 the FCC explained again:

We clarify that those rulings were intended to apply only to the local franchising process, and not to franchising laws or decisions at the state level.¹

It is inaccurate to say that the City must choose between following state law and policy or following federal law and policy – the two coexist. The FCC expressly allows build out requirements in franchise agreements so long as they are "reasonable." What constitutes

¹ *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, Order on Reconsideration, at para.7 (rel. Jan 21, 2015).

Mr. Brian Grogan
May 4, 2015
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“reasonable” is left to the franchising authority to determine.

While we have not yet seen an actual draft CenturyLink franchise, we expect it to contain a reasonable full-service requirement – consistent with Minnesota law and the FCC’s 621 Order – so that, eventually, all neighborhoods in St. Paul would have the same availability of service and access to cable competition, and so that all providers bear similar obligations.

Imposing reasonable, binding, and enforceable requirements to serve the entirety of St. Paul will protect competitive and consumer equity and prevent selective service deployment. It will equalize the investment that all providers will be required to make in return for access to the public rights of way. It will ensure that competition develops according to which provider can best serve subscribers and not according to which provider enjoys the most advantageous regulatory requirements.

IV. Conclusion.

Again, Comcast does not oppose CenturyLink’s entry into the local market. We are concerned that competing providers who make use of the same rights-of-way as Comcast, and who are subject to the same federal law, the same state law and the same local regulatory authority, should be held to the same reasonable level of due diligence and procedure, as well as member city-wide service requirement standards, similar to what Comcast has been held to.

There are many factual and legal questions raised by CenturyLink’s franchise application. Comcast has important interests at stake in this proceeding and requests that the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission establish a fair, orderly, and open process that allows for meaningful public review and input.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emmett V. Coleman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Emmett V. Coleman
Vice President Government Affairs

Cc: Members of the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission

Heather Branigin

From: Sheriff Stanek <Sheriff.Stanek@hennepin.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 2:43 PM
Subject: Events for Law Enforcement Week
Attachments: Memorial Flier.pdf; Open House Flyer FINAL (2).pdf

City leaders of Hennepin County,

Please find the attached announcements for two upcoming events that we organize in recognition of National Law Enforcement Week (aka Police Week.) The information also appears below. I hope to see you at the Hennepin County Law Enforcement Memorial (May 12) and the Sheriff's Office Open House (May 15).

In addition, please let your personnel know about these events via your employee newsletters. Both events are open to the public so you may certainly post the information in public areas and to your city websites.

Sincerely,

Rich

Richard W. Stanek
Hennepin County Sheriff
350 S. 5th. St., Room 6
Minneapolis, MN 55415
612.348.2347

Hennepin County Law Enforcement Memorial

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the Minneapolis Police Department will honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty during the annual Hennepin County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

When: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 2 pm

Where: This takes place outside on 4th Street South. It will be held in front of Minneapolis City Hall and the U.S. Courthouse (300 4th Street S., Minneapolis, MN).

More: The public is encouraged to attend.

The ceremony is held every year during National Police Week. The annual tradition honors all who have died in the line of duty throughout history; the record-keeping began in 1884.

(In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move inside City Hall.)

Sheriff's Office Open House

This free event is open to the public. Learn more about the Sheriff's Office and see our safety displays, vehicle demonstrations, K9s, Mounted Patrol, dive team, fingerprinting, drug prevention displays & more!

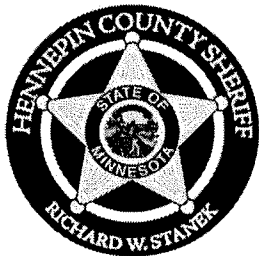
When: Friday, May 15, 2015 at 10am-3pm

Where: Sheriff's Office Enforcement Services
(9401 83rd Ave N., Brooklyn Park, MN)

More: Event is held rain or shine.

Public is WELCOME to attend!

HENNEPIN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY



Tuesday, May 12
2pm



Ceremony takes place outside, in front of
Minneapolis City Hall & U.S. Courthouse
(300 4th Street S., Minneapolis, MN)

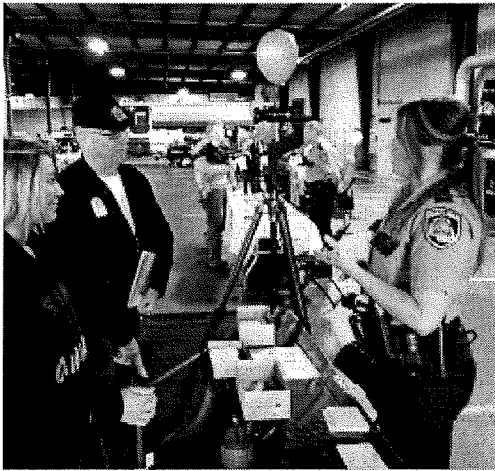
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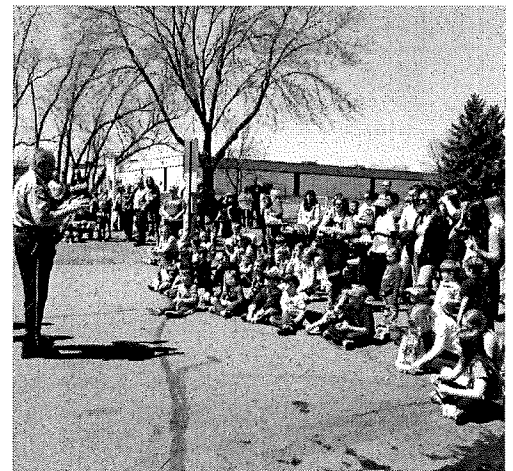
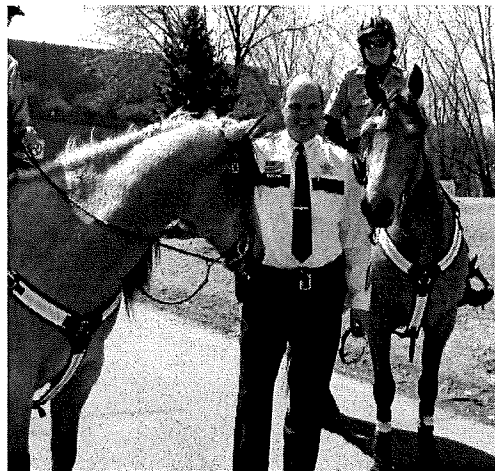
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Heather Branigin

From: mary forsmark <mjf4425@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; kstauton@EdinaMN.gov; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: 66 west apartments

Hello, Mayor Hovland, and Edina City Council Members- Thank you for your support for the 66 West Apartment project. I encourage you to vote yes!

Thank you, Mary Forsmark, Edina Resident

Heather Branigin

From: Peter Otness <peterotn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 5:10 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Team 1816 Invitation to State Robotics Tournament

Dear Mayor Hovland,

FIRST Robotics Team 1816 The Green Machine from Edina High School cordially invites you to attend the Minnesota State High School League *FIRST* Robotics State Tournament on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Williams Arena at the University of Minnesota. The state's top 30 teams (out of 192) qualified for the event at *FIRST* regional competitions during March and April.

It would be an honor to have you join us on May 16 at the State Tournament, where we would be pleased to give you a tour of the competition fields and backstage pit area, and an opportunity to meet the Minnesota leadership of *FIRST* robotics, team mentors and robotics team members from throughout Minnesota.

The agenda for the tournament is as follows:

8:45 am – 9:00 am – Opening Ceremonies
9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Preliminary Competition Matches
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Alliance Selection
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm – Lunch Break
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Semifinals and Final Matches

We would be happy to welcome you throughout the day on May 16 at any time that works best for your schedule. Please contact me at peterotn@gmail.com for further information and assistance in arranging your visit. We look forward to welcoming you to the Minnesota State Robotics Tournament, and hope you will be able to join us for an exciting competition that is also a celebration of science, technology and innovation in Minnesota.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Otness

Team 1816

Heather Branigin

From: Todd Porthan
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 8:11 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Edina Senior Fair
Attachments: 20150504141120416.pdf; Edina Senior Wellness Fair Results.docx

Mayor-

I wanted to thank you for your involvement and a job well done at the Edina Senior Wellness Fair. We feel it was a great success and I am very grateful for such a tremendous team that made this event what it was. I have attached a summary of our survey and a letter we received. Thank you again!



Todd Porthan, Fire Lieutenant

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To read news about what matters most, read the Public Safety [Blog](#).

Edina Senior Wellness Fair Results

How informative were the presentations?

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4 - 2
5 - 29

How was the venue?

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5 - 30

How was the lunch?

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5 - 29

Would you come again next year?

Yes – 29
No - 4

Would you recommend this event to a friend?

Yes - 33
No

What topics would you have liked to have heard about?

CPR instructions, brief comments on health directives, massage/pain relief info, Facebook, computers, various summer activities at Centennial Lakes Park, local community center locations, nutrition, how to get more sleep, 911 procedure, talk about how rescue can get into a secure multi-unit building, senior weight loss, volunteer opportunities, senior living

How did you hear about the event?

YMCA, Edina Senior Center, newsletter (city and senior center), Police Officer went to 7500 York to provide info, city email, About Town, Sara Michaels-7500 York Coop, Sun Current, Vernon Terrace circular, City website

7602 York Avenue south #7311
Edina, Minnesota 55435
May 2, 2105

Jeff Siems
Fire Marshall
Edina Fire Department
6250 Tracy Avenue South
Edina, Minnesota 55436

Dear Jeff,

Thank you!

Thank you for holding the Senior Wellness Morning at Edinborough Pavilion at Centennial Lakes this past April 23rd. I felt it was well worth my time and I am glad I signed up for it at the Senior Center.

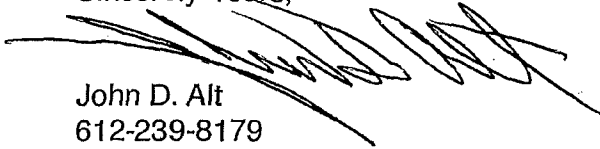
I have always been a realist in the fact when I pay my taxes I receive services. I will also say that the services your department provides goes way beyond what most of us know what you do and that is fight fires. This "big" seminar provided those of us who attended with an in depth understanding of what the fire department of Edina provides other than the fire truck going down the street to a fire.

The seminar was well organized and it was kept on tract with periodic breaks. This was good for me because I no longer can sit for long periods. Your selection of exhibitors was excellent. Their willingness to provide information was perfect. In fact I am making a point to use the services of several of the exhibitors.

A well organized event full of valuable information presented. I hope you have more of these seminars because I feel more people, especially seniors, need to be aware of the services the fire department provides. I might add having the police represented in this event was so important. They also have a vital role to play in my well being and they do it well in conjunction with the fire department. I really appreciate being exposed to the "911" call center concept. I also appreciate knowing that you have access to Condos and townhouses in case of emergency. This is important to those of us who live alone by choice.

Thank you again. A job well done!

Sincerely Yours,



John D. Alt
612-239-8179

Heather Branigin

From: Betsy Hodges <minneapolisbetsy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 6:12 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Info from Mayors Hodges and de Blasio

Jim -

here's what I have so far. Will send more when I get it. Would be great if you could come.

Following up on the commitments made at the USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force summit, and the successful Stand Up for Transportation Day of Action on April 9th, we urge you to join other mayors in Washington, D.C. on May 13th to directly urge Congress to pass a long-term transportation bill to increase investments and local control in transportation infrastructure. Efforts will center around convening with other mayors, lobby efforts, and press opportunity.

Tues. 5/12 at 7PM: USCM hosted Dinner, All mayors + staff welcome, at St. Regis Hotel, Chandelier Room

Weds 5/13 at 9AM: Infrastructure Week National Lobby Kick off and Press Event, at The Swamp

Weds 5/13 at 1030AM: Lobby Meetings & Leadership Opportunities at IW (Discuss with staff)

Weds 5/13 at 1 PM: Mayors Press Conference, All mayors, at Location TBD



Become a Dementia Friend

**Help make Edina a Dementia-Friendly Community
by becoming a Dementia Friend.**

Dementia Friend: Someone who attends a free information session to learn a bit about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that learning into action. Each Friend chooses what action they will take. In Edina, we are hoping some will turn that action to helping caregivers.

These Dementia Friends sessions are being hosted by the
ACT-Edina Community Team - one of 33 ACT on Alzheimer's communities.

For more information on Dementia Friends and our ACT - Edina Community effort,
please see: <http://www.actonalz.org/dementia-friends> and go to our webpage at:
<http://www.actonalz.org/edina>.

No cost to attend! Funding provided through our ACT on Alzheimer's grant.
We look forward to your participation!

May

Wednesday, May 1st
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
lunch included

Our Lady of Grace Church
5071 Eden Ave
Edina, MN 55436

June

Monday, June 23
4:00 - 5:30 pm
snacks provided

Normandale Lutheran Church
6100 Normandale Rd
Edina, MN 55436

July

Saturday, July 18
9:00 - 10:30 am
snacks provided

Edina Senior Center
5280 Grandview Square #101
Edina, MN 55436

Registration Information

Call: 952-848-3952

Email: comedu@edinaschools.org

Online: <https://edina.thatscommunityed.com/search/dementia>

In-Person: 5701 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55424 (8:00 am - 4:30 pm)